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Serving in the Philippines



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Dear praying Friends,

Grace to you and peace in Jesus' Name.

Chicago (where we landed in June) might be called "The Windy City," but perhaps you could dub our furlough "The Whirlwind Tour." Unlike the changeable direction of the winds at 30,000 feet (or much lower if you're not flying), airplanes and cars (by *plan*, not whim) took us various directions in the U.S. while we reported to churches. And as we fellowshiped with the brethren at churches—and had wonderful, choice moments to romp with, hold, and squeeze grandchildren—the "winds" were ah, so refreshing! But on the evening of September 22, the Lord's gentle breeze brought us back home to Manila, where we seek again to honor Him in our adopted country.

You certainly can associate furlough with preaching as well as showing any kind of media format that will pictorially represent what's been happening on the field. Normally the DVD/PowerPoint or slides (I'm going *antediluvian!*) that missionaries show represent the most recent term on the field. Well, this time we went *way back* to the archives and, beginning with 1979, sought to present the flow of ministry up to the present. We are thankful for ministry opportunities in about 22 churches, most of which already support us, and in several new ones since we were seeking additionally required support. *We're still at around 80%*. The new expanded horizon of ministry as a "pastor emeritus" has been placed in His Hands with faith.

Here are some items for prayer and praise:

- 1) We rejoice in all of the decisions made during furlough. The Word *is* quick and powerful, and the Spirit must accomplish any true and lasting results.
- 2) Please remember M.D. in prayer. I know he has been called to the ministry, but because of personal and family problems (he's still single), he has dropped out, both from school and church.
- 3) I thank the Lord for P.J. (a lot of initials in our names here . . .). He's doing a splendid job teaching Sunday school in our outreach in Manggahan. I've known him from the nursery crib, so I'm particularly grateful at the way the Lord is using him. This past Lord's Day I preached (in the absence of Pastor Erick, who normally is in charge), and the Lord granted two professions of faith. Jon-Jin and Chi-Chi are young adult children of Brother Jun, who has been the layman backbone of the work. Pray for Chi-Chi's boyfriend J.R., who listened with great interest but whose salvation is very questionable. With the Lord's help, I intend to invest much more time with this one work.
- 4) I just came back from Thailand, where I preached a series of messages at a camp north of Chiang Mai, (which itself is in northern Thailand). Though I preached through an "interrupter" (Brother Mike Frederick, the missionary, is doing a super job), the Spirit moved. Many decisions were made, including one for salvation. Comparatively speaking, works are small and slow-going in Thailand. Although the number attending from the town and hill tribe was small, the testimonies at the bonfire were huge. On the way back to the Philippines, I had the joy of fellowshiping with one of our supported missionaries in Bangkok, Brother Enrile Badua.
- 5) Please pray for blessing—I will speak to a group of GLBC young people this coming week at an overnight retreat and then next month when I minister in Bacolod at a church's annual missions conference.

Thank you so much for not growing weary in well doing and for being faithful in your ministry to us in prayer and giving. God bless you as you abide in Him.

Sincerely, in the bond of Calvary,
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